

# Czech Republic

## UCEAP Advising Notes

### Objective of the Advising Notes Document

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's *decision to apply* for a UCEAP program. The document is *not* a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the [UCEAP](#) and [BSA](#) websites. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or in the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

### Adviser Contact Information

The Berkeley Study Abroad Adviser for this program is Michelle Ayazi ([mayazi@berkeley.edu](mailto:mayazi@berkeley.edu)). Please feel free to email Michelle with any questions and/or concerns you have about the program or your participation. You can make an advising appointment with Michelle [here](#).

**“Central European Studies” is the name of the fall, spring and year course-based UCEAP program in Prague.** This program is administered on-site by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). For the most complete information, we recommend that you study the UCEAP and CIEE program pages together:

[Visit the UCEAP Central European Studies program page](#)

[Visit the CIEE Central European Studies program page](#)

As a UCEAP participant, you should be referring to the UCEAP Central European Studies program page for eligibility, academic and program cost information.

Exclusivity Clause: UC students are only allowed to participate in this program via UCEAP. UC students cannot apply to this program independently.

**“Summer Internship, Prague” is the name of the summer internship-based UCEAP program Prague.**

**This** program is administered on-site by CEA Study Abroad. For the most complete information, we recommend that you study the UCEAP and CEA program pages together:

[Visit the UCEAP Summer Internship, Prague program page](#)

[Visit the CEA Internship in Prague program page](#)

As a UCEAP participant, you should be referring to the UCEAP Summer Internship, Prague program page for eligibility, academic and financial information.

### Application Process

All UCEAP students must initiate their application through the Berkeley Study Abroad Portal to be considered for UCEAP participation: <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/uceap-how-apply>. Please take care to follow the provided instructions! Note for Transfer Students: Students must complete at least one semester at UC Berkeley before departure.

### Competitiveness of the Programs

Students who meet and maintain the minimum eligibility requirements and submit a complete and well-prepared application with an articulate Statement of Purpose by the Berkeley Study Abroad application deadline will have a very good chance of being selected.

### CIEE Housing policy in Prague

Please note that CIEE does not place two students from the same university in the same housing placement, so if you choose to study in Prague with friends from UC Berkeley, you will not be allowed to live together.

### Study Czech at UC Berkeley before your semester in Prague

UC Berkeley offers two years of Czech language instruction, with a strong emphasis on Czech culture. For information on Introductory Czech (Czech 26A & B) and Advanced Czech (Czech 116A & B), please contact Ellen Langer, PhD, Lecturer in Czech Language and Culture, at [erlanger@berkeley.edu](mailto:erlanger@berkeley.edu). You would get so much more out of your semester in Prague if you knew even a semester's worth of the language upon arrival!

### Scholarships

Both CIEE (Central European Studies) and CEA (Summer Internship Prague) offers scholarships and grants based on merit and financial need. Students will have access to the online scholarship application once they begin their CIEE or CEA online application.

All UCEAP students are encouraged to apply for a UCEAP Scholarship, which offers a \$2000 award for semester programs and a \$1000 award for summer. For more information, visit the [UCEAP Scholarships](#) page.

US Citizen Pell Grant recipients are encouraged to apply for the Gilman Scholarship, which offers a possible award of up to \$5000. For more information, visit [gilmanscholarship.org](http://gilmanscholarship.org)

More information on financial aid and scholarships can be found on our website: <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/finances>

Financial aid students can request a financial aid estimate for the program here: <https://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/finances/financial-aid-advising>

### Passports, Visas and International Travel Prior To the Program

Your passport must be valid for *6 months beyond the end date of the UCEAP program in the Czech Republic*. Check the UCEAP Czech Republic webpage to see the tentative end dates. If you don't have a valid passport, apply right away so that you have it in your possession by March 1 for Fall, or by September 1 for Spring.

**Due to lengthy Czech Republic visa processing times, travel after the UC term ends and before your UCEAP program is highly discouraged.** Please discuss any potential pre-program travel plans with the **Berkeley Study Abroad Adviser**. Instructions on travel and Visa/Entry Clearance will be provided in your UCEAP Portal, which will be available to you after you have been selected for the program.

### Articles about Prague to pique your interest:

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/czech-republic/prague/articles>

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/18/travel/my-hidden-prague.html?src=me&ref=general&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/18/travel/my-hidden-prague.html?src=me&ref=general&_r=0)

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/10/26/travel/what-to-do-36-hours-in-prague-czech-republic.html>

### Special Demands of the Program

Students are responsible for reviewing all informational materials and resources provided by UCEAP and CIEE/CEA and are expected to do independent research on the Czech Republic, the city of Prague and the surrounding area. Students should also familiarize themselves with the role of race, gender, sexuality, and religion while studying in the Czech Republic, and develop appropriate expectations according to personal backgrounds and self-identification.